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Mr. KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY, 1824 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed at his place of employment, Arnaud's Restaurant, 813 Bienville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

He advised that he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD for a period of three or four months in 1959 when they were both stationed at the El Toro Marine Base, which is located in California. He advised that OSWALD was a "lone wolf" type of individual who never associated with the other members of the Marine Corps and had very few close friends on the Marine Base. He never heard OSWALD discuss anything about his background or his family and believed that at that time OSWALD was single. He stated that OSWALD did express admiration for the Soviet form of Government and that he spoke Russian. He was of the opinion that OSWALD took Russian lessons in Japan during the time he was stationed there with the Marine Corps. He also said that he never heard OSWALD mention anything about going to Russia.

THORNLEY stated that he believed that OSWALD was a marksman in the use of firearms while stationed at the El Toro Marine Base, which is the lowest of the three firearms designations, they being namely marksman, sharpshooter and expert. He stated that he had heard from an unrecalled source that OSWALD had taken firearms training from a private gun club. He did not know the location of this gun club.

THORNLEY stated that his association with OSWALD was suddenly terminated at the Marine Base when one day he told OSWALD that he was "a Communist and that things would be different when the revolution came." He stated that OSWALD made the statement "not you too," and turned around and left. OSWALD never associated with him or talked to him after this incident.

One BUD A. SIMCO who was in the same outfit at the Marine Base as OSWALD, was stated by THORNLEY as an individual possibly having information regarding OSWALD and his background. He stated that SIMCO lived either on Wayfield Street or Wayfield Avenue in Orange, California, and that

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he is listed in the telephone directory as B. A. SIMCO. THORNLEY stated that he believed that one of OSWALD's favorite books was "1984" which was written by GEORGE ORSWELL.

THORNLEY advised that he left New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1963, by Trailways Bus, proceeded to Whittier, California, where he visited his parents for a short period of time and them proceeded by bus to TiJuana, Mexico, Mexico City, where he stayed for a short period of time and returned to the United States by bus through Matamoros, Mexico, which is opposite Brownsville, Texas. He returned to New Orleans by bus and arrived in New Orleans on August 1, 1963. He stated that he made this trip by himself and emphatically denied that OSWALD had accompanied him from New Orleans to California or from California to Mexico. He advised he did not know OSWALD was in New Orleans in the early part of 1963 and that OSWALD had never contacted him or attempted to contact him when he was in New Orleans.